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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nabors, et al.

Application No.: 09/188,863

Filed: November 9, 1998

For: A System and Related Methods Facilitating  
the Identification and Purchase of a Product  
Over a Data Network

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: Le, K.

Group Art Unit: 2761

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This response is offered in response to the final Office Action mailed *July 25, 2001*.

In light of the offered amendments and the following remarks; reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

Currently Pending Claims:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product configuration;

transmitting a request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the RFQ including the customer's desired configuration; and

notifying the requesting customer upon receipt of quotes in response to the transmitted RFQ.

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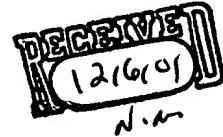
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Client: Chrome Data Corporation  
Title: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR FACILITATING CUSTOMER-DRIVEN SALES OF PRODUCTS HAVING  
MULTIPLE CONFIGURATIONS

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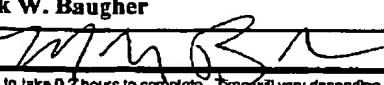
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## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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106	330	208	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
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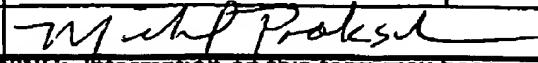
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115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
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117	920	217	480	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for response within fourth month	
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119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
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121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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